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AND TOBACCO FILTER

**REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 10, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated  
October 3, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted.

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***AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111***

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 12, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.